

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Allen Stearns and Mavis Urben exchanged their wedding vows on November 2, 1952, in Canton, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Allen and Mavis were blessed with four children, Cynthia, Michele, Mark, and Craig; and,

Whereas, Allen and Mavis farmed for over 50 years, are active members of Canton United Methodist Church, and have been on several mission trips; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Allen and Mavis have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

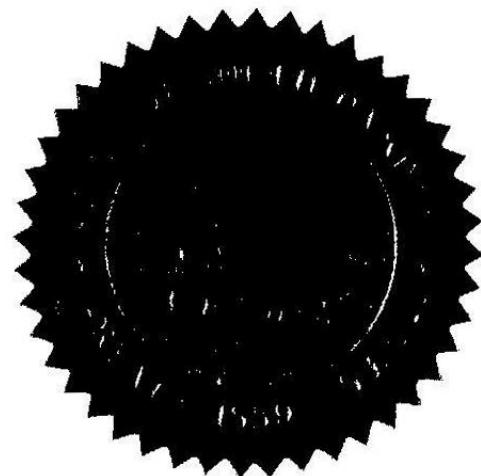
Whereas, Allen and Mavis will observe their 60th wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their family and friends honor them on November 2, 2012; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this special occasion in the lives of these two people who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

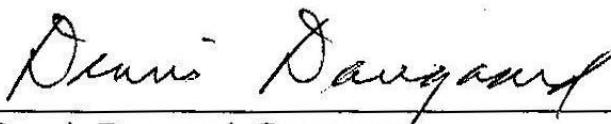
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2012, as

ALLEN AND MAVIS STEARNS DAY

in South Dakota.

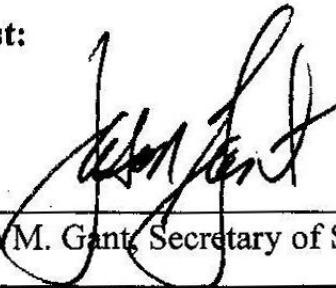


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State